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(DEFENSE)

SENATE GOP LEADER EVERETT DIRKSEN CALLED ON DEMOCRATIC CRITICS OF THE EISENHOWER DEFENSE PROGRAM TO USE "RESTRAINT" BECAUSE THEIR ATTACKS ARE FEEDING WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN ACCUSED SEN. STUART SYMINGTON (D-MO.) OF NOT GIVING ALL THE FACTS IN A SENATE SPEECH RAPPING ADMINISTRATION DEFENSE PLANNING.

DIRKSEN SAID HE IS "NOT SURE THAT IT ADDS UP TO CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT" WHEN DEFENSE CRITICISM IS AIRED WITHOUT GIVING WHAT HE CALLED "THE WHOLE STORY."

SYMINGTON, A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT AND FORMER SECRETARY OF AIR UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMAN, REBUKED DIRKSEN FOR SPEAKING ABOUT HIM WITHOUT ADDRESSING HIM DIRECTLY.

THE DIRKSEN SPEECH FOLLOWED AN OPENING STATEMENT BY SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER LYNDON B. JOHNSON WHO SAID THE COUNTRY NOW HAS "AMPLE POWER" TO STRIKE BACK AT ANY AGGRESSOR BUT MAY NOT BE "DOING ENOUGH FAST ENOUGH" TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS.

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